

Spotlight on Jasper...

Jasper County was named for Revolutionary War hero, Sergeant William Jasper (ca.1750-1779). The county was formed in 1912, from parts of Beaufort and Hampton counties. This area of the state was the home of the Yemassee and Coosaw Indians until colonial times. Settlers built extensive rice plantations, some of which now form the Savannah River National Wildlife Refuge. Two towns in the county, Coosawhatchie and Pocotaligo, have served as the seat of government for the Beaufort District. During the Civil War, the Confederate army defeated federal troops at the battle of Honey Hill, in November 1864. Jasper County was home to Thomas Heyward, Jr. (1746-1809), a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and Henry Martyn Robert (1837-1923), author of Robert's Rules of Order.

Beaufort Workforce Center

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Location & Climate

- Located in the southern area of the state
- Surrounded by Beaufort and Hampton counties, with Georgia to the west
- This region has an average temperature of 65.5 degrees with an annual average rainfall of 51.1 inches.

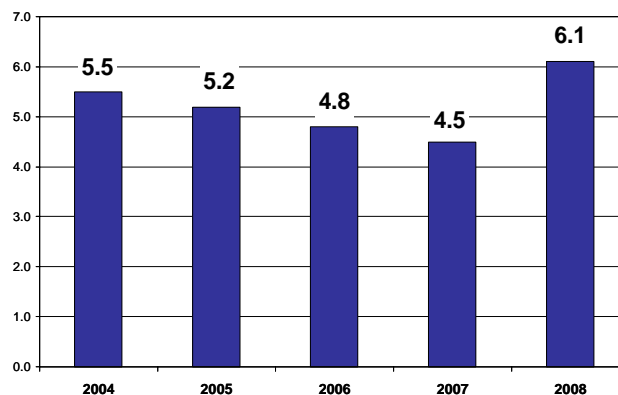
Population

- Was 21,900 in 2007
- Estimated growth to 24,530 by 2015
- 2007 data was comprised of 49.3% White, 49.1% African-American, and 1.6% Other
- The Hispanic-Latino population has increased from 1,190 in 2000 to 2,441 in 2007, a 105.1% change.

Labor Force

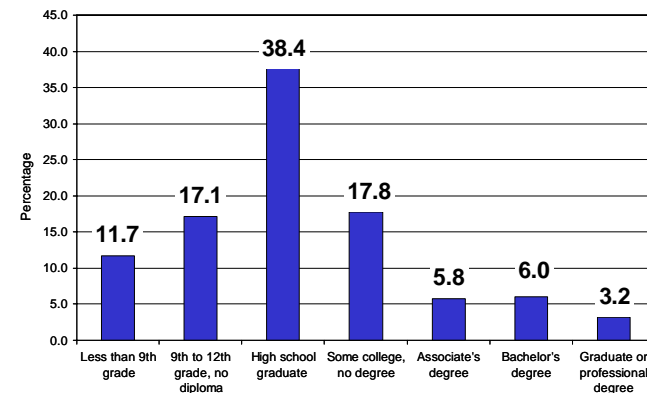
- Increased from 10,100 in 2007 to 10,160 in 2008
- Employment fell from 9,640 in 2007 to 9,540 in 2008.
- Unemployment rate climbed from 4.5% in 2007 to 6.1% in 2008.

Unemployment Rates for Jasper County
2004 - 2008



Educational Attainment

Jasper County 2007



Per Capita Income

- County per capita income was \$26,420 for 2007.
- This was 85% of the state's per capita income of \$31,100.
- This was 68% of the national per capita income of \$38,620.

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Beaufort Workforce Center, which serves Jasper and Beaufort counties, paid \$10,748,576 in regular unemployment insurance benefits during 2008.



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